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FOR COUNSELOR NIMETZ AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST

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SUBJECT: ECEVIT PRESS CONFERENCE - OFFICIAL TEXT

1. REPORTED BELOW IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE OFFICIAL TRANSLATION  
OF PRIMIN ECEVIT'S PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WAS HELD IMMEDIATE  
AFTER HIS MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ ON APRIL 4. WE BELIEVE  
IT MAY BE HELPFUL TO THE SECRETARY AS HE PREPARES TO TESTIFY  
BEFORE THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TODAY.  
ECEVIT'S STATEMENT ON CYPRUS IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE WE HAVE  
SEEN.

2. BEGIN TEXT (TRANSLATED BY AND PROVIDED BY THE FOREIGN  
MINISTRY):

AS YOU KNOW, AFTER THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT TOOK OFFICE,  
A DIALOGUE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NEW APPROACH OF THE  
TURKISH GOVERNMENT WAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA AND TURKEY WITH A VIEW TO EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES  
TO TAKE STEPS TO REVITALIZE THE TURKISH-U.S. RELATIONS BASED  
ON SOUND AND REALISTIC FOUNDATIONS IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO  
CONTRIBUTE TO THE PEACE IN THE WORLD AND IN THE REGION. IT  
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WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT TALKS WERE HELD DURING THEIR VISIT  
TO TURKEY FIRST WITH SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE, THEN WITH THE  
COUNSELOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT MR. NIMETZ AND LATELY WITH  
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE MR. CHRISTOPHER AND HIS COLLEAGUES.

AS I HAVE STATED BEFORE, DURING THIS LAST VISIT WHICH MR.  
CHRISTOPHER MADE, SOME PROPOSALS OF PRESIDENT CARTER WERE  
BROUGHT TO US. I HAVE ALSO STATED THAT THE MATTER

WOULD BE FURTHER CLARIFIED WHEN OUR THOUGHTS ON HIS PROPOSALS  
WOULD BE CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND THUS ENABLING  
BOTH SIDES TO ELABORATE FURTHER ON THIS MATTER. WE HAVE  
REACHED THIS STAGE. THE STATEMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE U.S.  
ADMINISTRATION WHICH REACHED US THIS MORNING, ON THE  
PRESENT STAGE OF THE TURKISH U.S. RELATIONS STRENGTHENS AND  
SUPPORTS MY BELIEF THAT WE ARE ON THE TRESHOLD OF A NEW  
AND POSITIVE EVOLUTION IN THE TURKISH-U.S. RELATIONS.

AS I HAVE POINTED OUT IN MY PREVIOUS PRESS CONFERENCE,  
THE LAST PROPOSALS PRESIDENT CARTER MADE WERE IN LINE WITH  
THE NEW APPROACH OF THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT WHICH WE  
EXPLAINED DURING OUR PREVIOUS TALKS TO SECRETARY VANCE AND  
WERE IN THE SAME FRAMEWORK WITH OUR PROPOSALS.  
THEREFORE, I HAVE POINTED OUT IN MY PREVIOUS STATEMENT THAT  
I HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO REACH  
AN UNDERSTANDING.

THE STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH REACHED US THIS  
MORNING BEARS OUT MY EXPECTATIONS IN THIS REGARD. OF COURSE, IT  
IS IMPORTANT THAT THE CONGRESS SHOULD ALSO ENDORSE THIS NEW  
POLICY DECISION OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND THE STEPS THAT  
IT WILL TAKE. NOW WE ARE IN THE STAGE OF AWAITING THIS.

I HAVE OUTLAID IN MY VARIOUS STATEMENTS SOME ELEMENTS OF  
THE NEW APPROACH OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO THE TURKISH-U.S.  
RELATIONS. AMONG OTHERS, WE HAVE STATED THAT TURKEY CAN  
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NO MORE SEE HERSELF MERELY AS AN OUTPOST, AN ARMED GUARD  
IN THE FRONT LINES OF THE WEST AND CAN NO MORE ACCEPT TO BE  
APPRaised IN THIS MANNER; THAT TURKEY EXPECTS ITS  
FRIENDS AND ALLIES TO SHOW DUE CONCERN FOR ITS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.  
MOREOVER BEING AS IT IS A COUNTRY IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT,  
TURKEY COULD KEEP HER DEMOCRACY ALIVE DESPITE ALL THE DIFFICULTIES.  
THIS SHOULD BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE APPRAISAL OF TURKEY  
BY THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES OF THE WEST. TURKEY EXPECTS  
THESE FACTORS TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHILE ACHIEVING  
ITS NATIONAL SECURITY AND WHILE MAKING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO  
THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM; ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM SHOULD NOT BE AN OBSTACLE IN THE  
WAY OF HER DEVELOPING AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL TRUST WITH THE  
COUNTRIES OF THE REGION. FURTHERMORE, IF WE SHOULD GO INTO  
DETAILS OUR NEW APPROACH ALSO CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS  
WHICH I HAVE STATED TO THE PRESS AFTER OUR TALKS WITH  
SECRETARY VANCE IN ANKARA.

IN OUR GOVERNMENT'S VIEW WAS THAT THE DEFENSE COOPERATION  
AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS APPROXIMATELY  
TWO YEARS AGO SHOULD BE RENEGOTIATED AND A NEW AGREEMENT  
SHOULD BE PREPARED. BECAUSE, AS I HAVE MENTIONED,

APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT. IN THE MEANWHILE, GOVERNMENTS HAVE CHANGED BOTH IN THE U.S. AND IN TURKEY. THERE WERE SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE WORLD CONDITIONS AND THE CONDITIONS OF THE REGION AND ALSO IN THE SITUATION AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF TURKEY.

DURING THE VISIT OF SECRETARY VANCE LAST JANUARY, WE STATED AS THE TURKISH VIEW THAT A NEW DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WHICH TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THESE CHANGES AND THE NEW APPROACH OF THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT WILL BE MORE CORRECT AND MORE REALISTIC. WE ALSO STATED THAT THE EMBARGO IS A NEGATIVE FACTOR IN THE TURKISH-U.S. RELATIONS, THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT ON THE OTHER HAND IS A POSITIVE ELEMENT.

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IT IS NECESSARY FIRST TO REMOVE THE NEGATIVE FACTOR THAT IS THE EMBARGO, WHICH IMPAIRS THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES; WE HAVE TOLD THE AMERICANS OF THIS THAT IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO TALK ABOUT THE POSITIVE POSSIBILITY, WHICH IS THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE WHICH WE RECEIVED FEW DAYS AGO AND THE LAST STATEMENT MADE ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION INDICATE THAT OUR STAND AND APPROACH WERE FOUND APPROPRIATE AND WERE ACCEPTED BY THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION.

THE EXTENT OF THE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID THE U.S. FORESEES FOR TURKEY UPON THE REMOVAL OF THE EMBARGO - THAT IS, IF THIS DECISION PASSES THROUGH THE CONGRESS - PROVIDES THE SAME BENEFITS TURKEY WOULD HAVE RECEIVED THROUGH THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WHICH WAS SIGNED TWO YEARS AGO BUT WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN RATIFIED. THERE IS NO QUESTION IN THIS ASPECT.

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FOR COUNSELOR NIMETZ AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST

AS A MATTER OF FACT, AS MADE KNOWN IN THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION, THIS YEAR A MILITARY AID IN THE AMOUNT OF 175 MILLION DOLLARS OCMFQAFYR

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AS THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED. IN ADDITION TO THIS 175 MILLION DOLLARS MANY OTHER OPPORTUNITIES IN CONNECTION WITH OUR DEFENSE NEEDS WILL BE OPENED TO TURKEY. FURTHERMORE, AS IS KNOWN, THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES THAT OUR COUNTRY FACES, FORESEES AN ECONOMIC AID IN THE AMOUNT OF 50 MILLION DOLLARS.

THERE WAS ANOTHER REASON WHY WE DEEM IT APPROPRIATE TO MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND THE EMBARGO ON THE ONE HAND AND THE OTHER FACTS OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. ON THE OTHER. THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT ASSOCIATED THE MATERIAL CONTRIBUTION THAT WOULD BE MADE TO THE TURKISH DEFENSE BY THE UNITED STATES AS AN ALLY WITH THE STATUS OF THE JOINT DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS IN TURKEY INTERMINGLING THESE TWO THINGS. IN EFFECT, THESE ARE SEPARATE QUESTIONS. THE U.S. AID TO BE MADE TO TURKEY WITHIN THE JOINT DEFENSE SYSTEM AND BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF ALLIANCE OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED US UNCLASSIFIED

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DISTINCT FROM THE STATUS OF THE JOINT DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN A MERE CORRECT AND MORE DIGNIFIED POSITION AS FAR AS TURKEY WAS CONCERNED. THIS HAS NOW BEEN ACHIEVED. IN THE MEANTIME, THE STATUS OF THE JOINT INSTALLATIONS AND OTHER ITEMS CONCERNING SOME ASPECTS OF THE TURKISH-U.S. COOPERATION WILL BE TAKEN UP IN THE TALKS WHICH WILL START WITHOUT DELAY, OR RATHER WHICH WILL BE CONTINUED, AND I BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL SOON BE FINALIZED. AND WHEN THEY ARE FINALIZED, THE NEW STATUS OF JOINT INSTALLATIONS IN OUR COUNTRY WILL BE REDEFINED. THE TALKS ON THESE SUBJECTS CAN BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER A POSITIVE RESULT AT THE CONGRESS AND TO LOSE TIME BOTH SIDES CAN CERTAINLY START TO DO THEIR OWN PRELIMINARY WORK OF TODAY. AS I HAVE ALWAYS STATED, WHEN TAKING NEW STEPS IN THIS DIRECTION WE WILL ATTACH IMPORTANCE, AS WE HAVE ALWAYS DONE, TO CONTINUE AND FURTHER THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS OF TURKEY WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE

REGION AND TO PROMOTE THE ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL TRUST BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN PEACE AND WE WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO DETENTE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

THE ECONOMIC AID IN THE AMOUNT OF 50 MILLION DOLLARS POINTED OUT IN THE STATEMENT OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, IN AS AID IN ADDITION TO THE MILITARY AID. THIS AID ALSO HAS A SYMBOLIC VALUE. IT MEANS THAT OUR GOVERNMENT, HAS GIVEN IN THREE MONTHS, A NEW IMPETUS TO THE TURKISH ECONOMY WHICH HAD SUFFERED GREAT TURMOILS DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS. OTHER PROOFS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT WAS EVIDENT FOR SOME TIME. AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE FRIENDLY COUNTRY OF NORWAY HAS MADE SIGNS OF GOOD WILL THAT INDICATED ITS CREDENCE. THE FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAD MADE SOME PROPOSALS FOR AID IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO EASE THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF TURKEY, BEFORE OUR TALKS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND PASSED IN A VERY POSITIVE

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ATMOSPHERE AND APART FROM THE GREEN LIGHT SHOWN BY THIS INTERNATIONAL MONETARY ORGANIZATION THAT FACILITATES FOR TURKEY TO RECEIVE CREDITS THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS A BIGGER AMOUNT THAN EXPECTED HAS BEEN RECEIVED AS A DIRECT AID FROM THIS ORGANIZATION. FINALLY ALL THESE AND THE NEW U.S. ECONOMIC AID IN THE AMOUNT OF 50 MILLION DOLLARS ARE THE CONCRETE PROOFS THAT THE TURKISH ECONOMY HAS GAINED CREDENCE IN THREE MONTHS. WE ALL KNOW THAT TURKEY IS CONTINUING POSITIVE ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTACTS WITH SOME OTHER COUNTRIES. UNDER THE LIGHT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS WE HAVE REACHED A STAGE WHERE WE CAN STRONGLY HOPE THAT THE NEGATIVE ELEMENTS BADLY EFFECTING THE TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS WILL SOON BE ELIMINATED IF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS ENDORSES THE NEW APPROACH OF THE U.S.A. ADMINISTRATION.

QUESTION: IN YOUR LAST PRESS CONFERENCE, YOU SAID THAT THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL WAS TAKING CERTAIN INITIATIVES FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. I UNDERSTAND THAT INTENSIVE EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE IN THIS RESPECT, IN RECENT DAYS. IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT CYPRUS?

ANSWER: AS I HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF MY GOVERNMENT, THE US EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY HAS BEEN A NEGATIVE FACTOR HINDERING A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION. Y GOVERNMENT'S APPROACH TO THIS MATTER HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT. WE DID NOT CONSIDER THE US EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY AS A NEGATIVE FACTOR HINDERING A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM, BECAUSE WE HAVE EVALUATED THE EMBARGO AS AN ELEMENT OF PRESSURE AND THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACT UNDER PRESSURE. THE BASIS FOR OUR EVALUATION HAS BEEN TOTALLY DIFFERENT. IN RECENT

DAYS I HAVE CLEARLY STATED OUR THOUGHTS IN THIS MATTER.  
BECAUSE OF THE US EMBARGO APPLIED AGAINST TURKEY FOR THE LAST  
FEW YEARS, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE ADOPTED AN INCONCILIATORY  
ATTITUDE. WHEN THE US ESTABLISHED A DIRECT LINK BETWEEN  
THE CYPRUS QUESTION AND THE EMBARGO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS  
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CONSIDERED THAT THEY COULD CONTINUE TO ADOPT AN INTRANSIGENT  
AND INCONCILIATORY ATTITUDE. WHEN THE US ESTABLISHED A  
DIRECT LINK BETWEEN THE CYPRUS QUESTION AND THE EMBARGO THE  
GREEK CYPRIOTS CONSIDERED THAT THEY COULD CONTINUE TO ADOPT  
AN INTRANSIGENT AND INCONCILIATORY ATTITUDE. IT IS FOR  
SUCH PRACTICAL REASONS THAT WE WERE SAYING THAT THE EMBARGO  
WAS HINDERING THE EFFORTS TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS  
QUESTION. ON THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE EMBARGO IS OR IS  
NOT A LEVERAGE OF PRESSURE, THE OTHER DAY I HAVE SAID THE  
FOLLOWING IN MY STATEMENT BEFORE THE SENATE:

WHETHER THE US EMBARGO BECOMES A LEVERAGE ON TURKEY OR  
NOT, DEPENDS ON THE ATTITUDE TO BE ADOPTED BY THE TURKISH  
STATE VIS-A-VIS THE EMBARGO. IF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WERE  
TO ADOPT "I HAVE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE" ATTITUDE AND TAKE NO  
ACTION WHATSOEVER FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE COUNTRY, THEN THE  
US EMBARGO WOULD HAVE BECOME A PRESSURE ON TURKEY. BUT SHOULD  
THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT ADOPT A POLICY LIKE THE POLICY OF MY  
GOVERNMENT "IRRESPECTIVE OF THE LIFTING OF THE US EMBARGO,  
TURKEY IS ABLE AND HAS THE ALTERNATIVES TO TAKE SUCH MEASURES"  
THEN, EMBARGO WOULD LOSE ITS CHARACTER OF PRESSURE. THEREFORE,  
WHAT REALLY INTERESTED US HAS BEEN THE FACT THAT THE GREEK  
CYPRIOTS ENCOURAGED BY THE US EMBARGO ADOPTED AN  
INCONCILIATORY ATTITUDE.

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FOR COUNSELOR NIMETZ AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST

THE POSITIVE STEP TAKEN BY THE US GOVERNMENT TO LIFT THE EMBARGO IS A CONSTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT AND IF THE US CONGRESS ALSO ENDORSED THE DECISION OF ITS GOVERNMENT AND LIFTS THE EMBARGO, I BELIEVE FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE ATTITUDE OF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS IT WOULD BECOME MUCH EASIER TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND THE AVENUES LEADING TO SUCH A SOLUTION WOULD BECOME MUCH SMOOTHER. AS WE ALL KNOW, THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL DR. WALDHEIM BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO RESUME THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ON CYPRUS IN THE SECOND HALF OF APRIL. ALTHOUGH NO DEFINITE DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THE TALKS, IT APPEARS THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS THE SECOND HALF OF APRIL IN MIND. NATURALLY, BOTH THE PUBLICATION OF THE DETAILS THE CONCRETE PROPOSALS OF THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS (TFSC) AS WELL AS ITS TIMING IS UP TO THE LEADERS OF THE TFSC. NEVERTHELESS, I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE REACHED A STAGE SUITABLE FOR THE LEADERS OF THE TFSC TO ANNOUNCE THEIR PROPOSALS ABOUT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WITHOUT ANY DELAY. FURTHERMORE, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PREPARATIONS OF THE TFSC IN RELATION TO THEIR PROPOSALS ARE NEARLY COMPLETED. AS YOU KNOW PROF. MUMTAZ SOYSAL HAS AGAIN GONE TO CYPRUS AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS WEEK IN HIS CAPACITY

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AS THE CONSTITUTIONAL ADVISOR TO TFSC FOR A LST REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS. WITHOUT ENTERING INTO THE DETAILS OF THESE PROPOSALS I CAN TELL YOU THE FOLLOWING ABOUT THEIR GENERAL AND BASIC OUTLINE. AS A POLICY PRINCIPLE, THE TFSC IS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH MY GOVERNMENT FOR TAKING AND MAINTAINING THE INITIATIVE IN MAKING PROPOSALS ABOUT BOTH THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND THE TERRITORIAL ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT AS FAR AS I KNOW THERE IS COMPLETE IDENTITY OF VIEWS BETWEEN US ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF THESE PROPOSALS.

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION AT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WILL BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE CERTAIN CONCRETE PROPOSALS WITHIN REASONABLE LIMITS ABOUT THE DEMARCACTION LINE. OBVIOUSLY IT IS NOT FOR ME TO MAKE THESE PROPOSALS PUBLIC. WHEN THE TIME COMES, H.E. DENKTAS WILL BE MAKING THE NECESSARY ANNOUNCEMENT. I HAVE USED THE WORDS "REASONABLE LIMITS". IN FACT THIS HAS BEEN THE EXPRESSION I USED SINCE MY GOVERNMENT CAME TO POWER IN

1974. I HAVE ALWAYS STATED THAT ADJUSTMENTS COULD BE MADE ABOUT THE DEMARCACTION LINE WITHIN REASONABLE LIMITS. NEARLY FOUR YEARS PASSED SINCE I MADE THIS STATEMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME. DURING THIS PERIOD, NEW SETTLEMENT PATTERNS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE ISLAND.

WHEN ADJUSTMENTS ARE BEING MADE ON THE DEMARCACTION LINE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO BEAR THIS FACT IN MIND. I AM HAPPY THAT H.E. RAUF DENKTAS HAS ADOPTED A CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE IN TAKING ADVANTAGE IN GOOD FAITH OF THE LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO HIM IN THIS RESPECT.

BOTH THE TERRITORIAL AS WELL AS THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS WILL BE SUCH AS TO MEET THE SECURITY AND ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH COMMUNITIES. THESE PROPOSALS WILL BE SUCH AS TO ACCOMODATE THE PERMANENCY OF THE BI-ZONAL BI- UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMUNAL, FEDERAL, INDEPENDENT AND NON-ALIGNED CHARACTER OF THE CYPRUS STATE. THIS IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE DURABILITY AND THE TRUSTWORTHINESS OF A FEDERAL SOLUTION. IN GENERAL, FEDERAL STATES COME INTO BEING IN TWO WAYS. THIS HAPPENS EITHER BY THE DIVISION OF A POLITICAL ENTITY INTO VARIOUS FEDERAL ENTITIES OR SEPARATE AUTONOMOUS POLITICAL ENTITIES COME TOGETHER UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF A FEDERAL STATE. THE FEDERATION ENVISAGED FOR CYPRUS FALLS UNDER THE LATTER CATEGORY. PARTICULARLY, SINCE THE SUMMER OF 1974, THERE EXIST IN CYPRUS IN A DE FACTO MANNER, TWO SEPARATE AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITIES, SELF-GOVERNING AND SELF-SUFFICIENT IN THEIR ADMINISTRATIONS AND ECONOMIES. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, FOR THE REALIZATION OF A FEDERAL STATE IS TO BRING TOGETHER WITH THEIR FREE WILL UNDER A FEDERAL UMBRELLA THESE TWO SEPARATE AND AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITIES. OF NECESSITY, THIS WOULD CREATE AN EVOLUTIONARY FEDERATION. IN OTHER WORDS, A FEDERAL STATE MODEL IS BEING CREATED WHICH WILL DEVELOP IN A CONTINUOUS EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS. AS A PERSON WHO KNOWS THE IDEAS OF H.E. DENKTAS, I AM IN A POSITION TO STATE CATEGORICALLY THAT THE FEDERAL STATE ENVISAGED BY TFSC SHALL HAVE ALL THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A FEDERAL STATE AT ITS INCEPTION. IN OTHERS WORDS, IT IS NOT GOING TO BE A CONFEDERAL BUT A FEDERAL STATE. NEVERTHELESS, FULL AND EFFICIENT FUNCTIONING IN ALL THE FIELDS OF THIS FEDERATION SHALL REQUIRE THE MOMENTUM OF ITS EVOLUTION. BECAUSE, IF CERTAIN MEASURES ARE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY THIS MIGHT RE-IGNITE THE FORMER INTERCOMMUNAL STRIFE AND HINDER THE REALIZATION OF THE FEDERAL SOLUTION. WITH THIS RESERVATION, I AM IN A POSITION TO STATE DEFINITELY AND CATEGORICALLY THAT THE TFC IS ENVISAGING FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, A TRUE AND SERIOUS FEDERAL SET-UP AS WELL AS JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE MECHANISM IN CERTAIN FIELDS. AS PART OF THIS FEDERAL MODEL OF EVOLUTION, CERTAIN PROBLEMS WILL HAVE TO BE TACKLED STAGE BY STAGE. OBVIOUSLY, FREEDOM OF TRAVEL

IN A FEDERAL STATE SHOULD BE FULL AND COMPLETE.  
NEVERTHELESS, IF THIS FREEDOM WERE TO BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED  
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FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, THE INTERCOMMUNAL STRIFE OF ONLY THREE YEARS AGO WOULD BE INFLAMMATED. THEREFORE, THE GOAL SHOULD BE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF FREEDOM OF TRAVEL IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME. THIS PRINCIPLE IS DEFINITELY TAKING PLACE IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS. THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PRINCIPLE IN STAGES WOULD BE PROGRAMMED. THE FREEDOM OF SETTLEMENT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE LIMITED. THIS LIMITED FREEDOM OF SETTLEMENT SHALL DEVELOP IN TIME THROUGH EVOLUTION. OBVIOUSLY, WHILE STRIVING FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE FREEDOMS AND THE ADJUSTMENTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION ACCORDINGLY, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH SOUND GUARANTIES FOR THE CONTINUOUS SECURITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES. OBVIOUSLY, FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, THE SECURITY AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE. AT THE SAME TIME, EVERYTHING SHOULD BE DONE TO PREVENT THE REOCCURANCE OF THE FORMER INTERCOMMUNAL STRIFE AND TENSIONS. NEVERTHELESS, PARALLEL TO THIS, IT IS OF NECESSITY TO ENABLE THESE TWO COMMUNITIES TO LIVE IN PEACE, SIDE BY SIDE ON THE SAME ISLAND AND GRADUALLY ENTER INTO COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY.

QUESTION: IF THE LATEST DECISION OF THE US ADMINISTRATION IS ALSO ENDORSED BY THE CONGRESS, DO YOU THINK THIS WOULD HELP THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION?

ANSWER: IT WOULD HELP SUCH A SOLUTION BUT SAYING THIS ONLY IN RELATION TO CYPRUS: BUT IN GENERAL,

IT IS ALSO TRUE IN THE CONTEXT OF TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS. WHEN THE GREEK CYPRIOTS OR GREEKS IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH TURKEY OR TURKS RELY ON PRESSURE ON TURKEY OR HOPE THE EMERGENCE OF SUCH LEVERAGES, THEY BECOME INTENDENTIARY, #THUS, TENSIONS ARE CREATED BETWEEN THE

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TWO COUNTRIES AND THESE TENSIONS HAVE FROM TIME TO TIME LED TO CLASHES. ON THE CONTRARY, WHEN EXPECTATIONS FOR PRESSURES ON TURKEY ARE ELIMINATED TURKEY AND GREECE AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE FOUND IT POSSIBLE TO LIVE PEACEFULLY AND TO ESTABLISH FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH EACH OTHER. I DO BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL BE THE CASE FOR THE FUTURE.

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